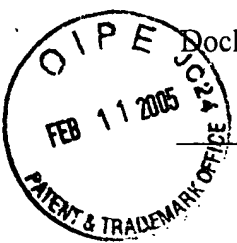


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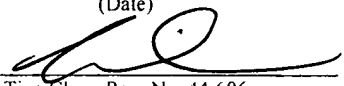
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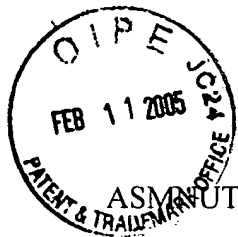
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Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following enclosures:

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In an action mailed January 10, 2005, the Examiner required restriction of prosecution to one of the following inventions:

- (A) Claims 17-44, drawn to a system for electrochemical mechanical processing, classified in class 451, subclass 8; and
- (B) Claims 1-16 and 45-58, drawn to a method of electrochemical mechanical processing of a conductive face, classified in class 438, subclass 691.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect, without traverse, to proceed with examination on the merits Group (A): Claims 17-44, drawn to a system.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.